

City Clerk's Office
October 12, 2015
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on October 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Matt Gould, Steve Schell, Vance Keller, Dustin Doze, and Blake Upson, Mayor. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Kaiya Maas, Assistant City Clerk, and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Also present were Sarah Schwerdfeger and Marcus Ashlock.

Mayor Upson opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Boy seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Schell made motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015 after 2 corrections were made. Motion was seconded and passed with all members voting aye.

Councilmember Gould made motion to approve appropriation ord. #915 in the amount of \$109,408.22, Councilmember Boy seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the letters of engagement with Kennedy McKee and Company for \$7000 to audit the year 2015 and \$1000 to prepare the budget for the year 2017. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed unanimously.

Linda Dinkel reported that there was enough cash and budget in 2015 to allow for a contribution to the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center. Councilmember Keller made motion to contribute \$550 in 2015 and to revisit the issue in 2016 and discuss adding a line item in the budget for 2017. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion. Councilmember Boy abstained from the vote, all other councilmembers voted aye.

Brian Bloyd presented the Sand Park Committee's recommendation to purchase a 40' x 60' x 12' building from Quality Structures, Inc., for \$50,940. This price includes concrete and insulation on sides and roof. The interior of the building would be finished by city employees. Councilmember Keller made motion to purchase the building and finishing the interior subject to obtaining satisfactory lease purchase financing. Motion was seconded by councilmember Boy. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Schell made motion to trade in the 2008 Ranger for a new Polaris Ranger Crew from Country Feeds in Montezuma for a difference of \$8,300.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Doze. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Doze made motion to place equipment that is no longer useful to city service up for public auction using Purple Wave auction service. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller and passed unanimously.

Kaiya Maas was introduced as the new assistant city clerk. Mayor Upson presented Kaiya Maas as his appointment for city treasurer. Councilmember Doze made motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve spending up to \$2,000.00 for signage that informs travelers that Syracuse was home to the first all-female city council in the United States in 1887. These signs are to be paid for from the tourism fund. Councilmember Doze seconded the motion. Motion passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

A break in the water main in Parkhill Addition #1 on July 25, 2015 and the damage that it may have caused was discussed.

The annual Christmas Parade will be on December 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Keller said the First National Bank will serve hotdogs. A traveling trophy for best entry and appointing a parade marshal was discussed. Hamilton County Library is hosting Santa Claus on December 2, 2015.

Bloyd will check on dates and locations for the City Employee and Council Christmas Party.

Wheatland Electric is having a ribbon cutting and grand reopening on October 28, 2015 to highlight the remodeling of their office. They will also be serving lunch and Hosting their CRAM-the-VAN project to raise food and money for local food banks. This will be held in Jackson Park at the corner of Avenue B and Main Street.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: Sarah Schwerdfeger invited the City Council to attend and take part in the ribbon cutting and grand reopening for Wheatland Electric and the activities that are planned for the day.

Sand Park: The fish are biting in Sam's Pond. We are in the process of applying for a grant for fish feeders and a boat to access the feeders.

City Administrator: Bloyd informed the Council that he had attended a meeting with Kansas Department of Transportation concerning the upcoming project for improvements on Highway 27 from the stoplight south to the City Limits. This project is scheduled for the year 2018.

City Clerk: The Health Department will be at City Hall on October 19th at 3:15 p.m. for employees and city council to receive flu shots. Kaiya Maas started in her position as assistant city clerk on September 21st. Sarah Schwerdfeger has spent several days training Kaiya Maas.

Round Table: Councilmember Boy has had positive comments about Ordinance No. 687 concerning golf carts operating on city streets.

Councilmember Doze made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Keller. All Councilmembers voted aye and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Blake Upson
Mayor